Stendhal Syndrome

Leckey Harrison

Apparently some states have been able to block some major porn purveyor. Not certain why just the one though. Lenient sentences don't help.

[They aren't blocking. They are passing into law 'standards of decency' that would enable their attorneys to sue the distributor for violations - thus seizing profits from those who earned them and spending them personally. It is only one site because individual states don't have the 'authority' to sue in civil court everyone. Also, sex is a bigger industry than even drugs, or food, or war. Most likely YouPorn is the only applicable target that isn't actively making money for the investors in these states' political representatives. In Texas, all legal marijuana growers - the last time I checked, and no, it isn't legal here recreationally - are licensed to investors who wrote the opportunity into law themselves and voted for it on the floor in the capitol. The same is true of predatory loan lenders. And yes, every one is Republican - this is Texas.

By the way, even the smallest child with a department store tablet knows how to use a VPN and TOR. Nothing is blocked anywhere that is available somewhere else, though consequences for getting caught in, say, North Korea, would be more severe. That is exactly how those described above - who no one would have sex with even if offered money - are getting theirs.]

Sarah M Worthy

We could have AI designed to delete porn from the internet instead of AI designed to make and post more porn on the internet

[An example I've made before:

Free porn sites are huge file servers. But users have to flip past videos of nothing

but bare feet stepping on a plate of scrambled eggs to get to the actual product they're looking for. No possible extension of the definition of porn covers toes squishing breakfast - it just isn't.

"Well, you know what someone is doing when they're watching those!"

'Yes. And you know what others are doing when they're watching Sesame Street. I don't see you out protesting PBS in the streets....'

There is nothing inherently wrong with sex - anyone insisting so is the problem that needs to be addressed.

No information is offensive. It is a description of reality and what is possible. If one is unfamiliar with awful things, how are you to prepare or prevent them?

Censorship is always a tool used by one group subjugating and profiting off of the suffering of another.]

Kristin Vaughn

So, if I wake up tomorrow and TikTok isn’t accessible, then why can’t they do the same with child sexual abuse material (CSAM) and trafficking content?....I work in fighting CSAM and human trafficking every day. I see the failures, the excuses, and the outright refusal to take decisive action against this kind of exploitation. If they can make TikTok disappear overnight, then they absolutely have the power to shut down CSAM networks and disrupt trafficking.

The tech exists. They already use tools like hash-matching and AI to identify and remove CSAM. Platforms and providers have more control than they let on.

The issue isn’t capability—it’s priority.

This isn’t just about policies; it’s about action. If they can block an app that millions use daily, then why haven’t they prioritized wiping out platforms and networks that exploit children and harm trafficking victims?

They clearly have the ability.

The only thing they’re missing is the will.

Let’s be clear: the decision to make TikTok inaccessible (or any app for that matter) is proof of the immense control governments and companies hold over the digital space.

The fact that CSAM and trafficking content are still pervasive says one thing loud and clear—it’s not that they can’t do it; it’s that they choose not to.

If TikTok goes offline tomorrow, I’ll be sitting here asking the same question I’ve been asking for years:

What’s stopping them from doing the same to CSAM and trafficking networks?

Because victims and survivors deserve better than excuses.

[The answer could be as simple as the fact that those who are the customers and suppliers of what you mention are the same that are in the positions to decide what content stays available on the interwebs. Wouldn't it be fair to say the marketer is part of any retail industry?

Who buys the most, largest quantities of illegal drugs? Those with the most disposable incomes. So - if anyone who insists that police must be employed to confiscate said substances and imprison the parties involved was not merely

subjugating others for profit, but actually determined to seize the most of these items - why are the majority of drug arrests the poorest citizens financially instead of the monetarily wealthiest? Unit prices fall when quantity rises. The cocaine habit of a single $5 million residence is larger than that of an entire aging apartment complex.

How much does a person cost for the activities you're describing? My guess is what I consider a large sum. How much revenue is involved in the internet gatekeeper positions you describe?]